

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 8-10, 18-20, and 27-30 are pending.

This Response is in reply to a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment stating that the Status identifier for claim 18 read "Currently amended" but the claim showed no amendments.

Applicants point out that the correct claim in consideration here should be claim 20, which was inadvertently listed as "Currently amended" when in fact no amendments were made or intended.

Applicants, therefore have resubmitted herein only the non-compliant portion of Applicants' last Response and Amendment (*i.e.*, the claims), showing the status of claim 20 as "Previously presented." No new matter has been added.

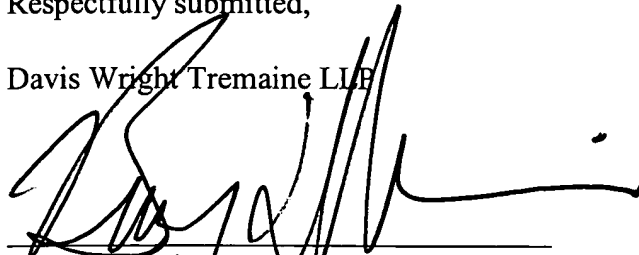
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully request entry of the present Response and Amendment, and a Notice of Allowance relating to all pending claims, all having been previously allowed.

The Examiner is encouraged to phone applicants' attorney, Barry L. Davison, to resolve any outstanding issues and expedite issuance of a final Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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